

Notable News



A Newsletter for San Diego County Rental Assistance Program Participants

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Things to Know

Remember all your Responsibilities

- Take care of your unit and leave it clean and in good condition when you move.
 - Don't allow unauthorized people to live in your unit.
 - Report within 14 days if someone moves out.
 - Don't allow anyone to move in before you get approval.
 - Obey the law.
 - Report within 14 days any income or asset changes.
 - Don't move out of your unit without approval.
 - Respond to all requests for information by the due date.
 - Check your unit before your annual inspection to make sure it will pass the first time.
 - Pay your rent on time.
 - Comply with your lease.
- ◇ To preserve confidential information, the family summary will no longer be included with the rent change letters. A copy will be mailed on request.
 - ◇ If you are self-employed, you must summarize your records by income and expenses and provide a copy of your last federal income tax return.
 - ◇ The voucher size will not be increased due to family size increases unless the family is overcrowded.
 - ◇ Voucher size increases as a reasonable accommodation for a disabled person or for a live-in aide are strictly restricted. These increases will not be approved unless there is a verifiable need.
 - ◇ Additions to the household are restricted. Only two people may be added to the household per year, unless those additions are due to birth, adoption, court awarded custody, return of minor or disabled children to the household, a live-in aide, or permanent foster children.
 - ◇ Adults added to the household must have a steady income history.
 - ◇ Medical expense claims for elderly/disabled households must be submitted in good order. Claims must be legible and have all information necessary to evaluate the claim.
 - ◇ Families with zero income or little income must provide a monthly statement on how they are meeting their needs, along with copies of their monthly expense receipts.
 - ◇ Registered sex offenders cannot be program participants.
 - ◇ Assistance cannot be transferred more than once every twelve months.
 - ◇ Families may be required to repay all housing assistance payments made during the time they violated program requirements.
 - ◇ The income of a spouse who is reported to have moved out of the assisted household cannot be omitted until a legal separation or divorce has been filed.
 - ◇ Send copies of your documents! We are not responsible for original documents.
 - ◇ New Medicare Drug Benefit plan may impact you. Contact the Social Security Administration for more information.

The wait for assistance is 3-7 years. There are over 20,000 families waiting to take your place.

Questions? Contact your housing representative, or check the Department of Housing and Community Development website at www.sdhcd.org.



Have you Read the Important Information on the Reverse Side?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We need you to serve on our Boards! The Section 8 Rental Assistance and Public Housing Programs are required to have a resident advisory board composed of program participants. Two participants must also serve two-year terms on the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners are **paid** for each meeting they attend and serve along with the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. To be a Commissioner, you must first serve on the resident advisory board.



If you are interested in serving on the resident advisory board, have transportation, and are able to attend at least two meetings a year, please complete the information below and return in your recent packet. We hope you are willing to serve.

If you have any questions, please contact your housing representative. You will be contacted regarding this application during the next 12 months.

Name _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____

Home Address _____
 _____ City/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Housing Representative: _____

What are your principal areas of interest in serving our community?

What employment or other experience or special knowledge do you have?

Signature _____

Date _____

Return this in your packet to your Housing Representative.

Note to Housing Representative – please forward to Lorene Kellogg

